(d) The way leading to the tank is in order and nothing further has to be done on it.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know what the cost of this tank was ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—I don't exactly remember. I want notice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—A portion of the side-walls has slipped. Has it been repaired ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know what it was due to ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—There is no particular reason.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—It is said that the representations have been inquired into and it was found that the tank required some attention. In spite of that answer, how is it that the tank has not been repaired although the side walls gave way three years back ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—The existing condition of the tank does not interfere with people using the tank. The portion that has slipped is too farther away from the bathing ghats and it does not interfere with the using of the tank by the people.

Teachers in Primary and Lower Secondary Departments.

298. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of graduate and under-graduate teachers now working in (i) primary department (ii) lower secondary department of Sirkar schools;

(b) the number of graduates employed in the above two departments during the last 5 years; and the number of under-graduate teachers in the two departments who have been on the same pay without any promotion during the said five years?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—

(i) Graduates 10
Under-graduates 329
(ii) Graduates 160
Under-graduates 57
(i) 19 in the primary department.
(ii) 97 in the lower secondary department.
(i) 119 in the primary department.
(ii) 20 in the lower secondary department.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether the appointment of graduates in the primary and lower secondary departments has interfered with the promotions that were due to under-graduate teachers ?

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Mr. I. N. Menon.—I must inquire the Hon'ble Member what he means by 'due' to these people ? By one principle it is due to them but on another principle it is not due to them. So I would wish to be enlightened on this point.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—In point of service whether the promotions were due to them ? But as a matter of fact because of the appointment of graduate teachers in the primary department their promotions were barred.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—In the matter of appointments two principles have been admitted. Both these have been allowed to influence the selection of candidates to these different grades. There have been certain instances where length of service has not been the only consideration and qualifications have been considered and in such cases candidates with lesser service have been appointed.

Sale of Lands in Edavanakkad.

299. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether the Parvathiam, who gave receipt for the collection of arrears of tax on 28th Dhanu 1103 in the matter reffered to in question 11 of the Legislative Session of 1106, is the same individual who conducted all necessary proceedings for sale before the grant of such receipt such as service of demand notices and attachment and after the grant of such receipt such as proclamation of sale, issue of yadast of sale and the sale certificate and the proclamation of sale in the Gazette;

(2) what was the mistake committed by the Parvathiam as stated by the Diwan Peishkar in answer to supplementary questions to questian 11 of the Legislative Session of 1106;

(3) was any action taken against the Parvathiam for the mistake ; if so, what and if not, why not;

(4) will a copy of the counterfoil receipt for the payment of tax of 28th Dhanu 1103 and a copy of the Diwan's order in setting aside the sale be placed on the table of the House ?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) The Parvathiam prepared and submitted notification for the sale of lands when there were no arrears of assessment due on them.

(3) No. It might be due to the facts that he was to retire in 1105 and that his antecedents were not bad.

(4) Copies are placed on the Council table.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Am I to understand that the Parvathiam, after realising the taxes, conducted the proceedings subsequently for the sale of the properties?

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